Le·Hi·Ho·News

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The Women of Summer

If you think about it, there are very few non-professional adult, team sports. One of the team sports available to the average person is softball. With a little cash, anyone can start or sponsor a team; to join, all you need is the time and a good deal of energy.

A new women's softball team in the Lehigh Valley has been sponsored by the 13th Street Pub in Easton. The bar's owner put up the money for the team to join the Palmer slow-pitch league. The team members, numbering about 20, sold raffle tickets to cover the cost of their uniforms and equipment. The raffle was a huge success, with over 1300 tickets sold. One person, Theresa Lombardo, sold over 500 tickets. So the team was off to a good beginning.

Most of the women have been involved in softball before; some have years of experience on winning softball teams, others have played occasionally. Only three members have absolutely no softball experience.

When asked on an individual basis why they were involved in this sport, the team members had very different reasons. A majority of the women were very sports orientated, not just softball orientated. They also bowl, play shuffleboard, or golf. A few were from families who were "really into" participation and spectator sports, so they were heavily into sports year round. Several of the women were utilizing the exercise as part of their personal physical fitness plan. All of the women had several reasons in common. They liked: being outdoors, being involved in a physical activity, and being part of a team effort. After a practice or a scrimmage they glow with well-being.

Being part of a team is totally different from facing an opponent one-to-one. A team

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Saving Your Skin On The Streets

Hal Monk presented a lecture-demonstration on self-defense for men and women at the last meeting of Le-Hi-Ho. Mr. Monk has taught self-defense for over 20 years to policemen, colleges and elsewhere.

Hal stressed that the major thing people have going for them in a threatening situation is their mind, especially their attitude towards the situation. Thugs, like attack

Next Meeting

The next meeting of Le-Hi-Ho will be in New York City on June 26 for the Gay Pride March and Rally from Central Park South to Christopher Street. The 13th Street Pub has allowed Le-Hi-Ho to reserve seats on the bus sponsored by the Pub. It will leave from the Pub in Easton (130 S. 13th St.) at 10 a.m. and will leave New York at 10 p.m. Call the Pub for information about any remaining seats: 242-9213. $20 includes a round trip ticket and box lunch. See you there.

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By Line

Le-Hi-Ho and the Gay and Lesbian Task Force are now represented on the Lehigh Valley Task Force Against Violence, a group formed to educate the public about the prevalence of violence in the area. The Task Force also works for ways of reducing violence.

It is good to have the gay and lesbian community represented, because violence against us needs to be documented and shown to be the threat we know it to be. It also gives the gay and straight communities a way to work openly together on a mutual concern. Many thanks to our representative to the Task Force for his time and effort.

Out of last month's emphasis on domestic violence has come a request from Turning Point of Lehigh Valley for a safe house, a private home which could be used by a male victim of abuse. Turning Point has a safe house for straight and gay women but no place where men can be housed temporarily to get them out of battering situations in an emergency.

Specifics, including how long a man could stay, hours of use, etc., would be worked out in a written contract with Turning Point. For further information call Turning Point at 437-0222 and ask for Bonnie McDonald. This is an excellent opportunity for the community to support itself.

Le-Hi-Ho has given serious consideration to restarting the Lesbian and Gay Hotline which was in existence in 1979. Many of the problems which led to the Hotline's demise at that time, lack of enough volunteers, no appropriate place for the line, still exist. Even though the Hotline was in existence for a short time, it gave a way for gay men and women to find out what was happening in the community as well as a sympathetic ear. The Board has decided that without a suitable place for the line and enough volunteers to staff it, and especially without a volunteer coordinator with enough time to supervise it, that now is not the time to attempt it again. If someone came forward with the time and energy to work on it and to solve these every real problems, then perhaps the decision would change. If no one can be found, then the project will be shelved until a community center is established which would solve the problem of space.

The next Le-Hi-Ho News will combine July and August into one issue, which will come out by early August.

It is with regret that we announce the staff departure of Keith S., who has been our advertising representative. He is moving to Atlanta. It was due to his sales ability that the News reached its present size. We need someone in the Allentown area to take over this very important job. It requires only a few hours each month. There is no salary but it offers good experience and contacts. If interested, contact Don Graves, editor of Le-Hi-Ho, P.O. Box 1003, Bethlehem 18018. And good luck to you, Keith. Say hello to Rhett for us.

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Saving Your Skin On The Streets (cont.)

dogs, want to create fear through intimidation. Dogs do this through snarling, barking and lunging. Thugs do this through surprise, the threat of injury and their own attitude of control. To a person unprepared to deal with this, fear can possess to such a degree that no other course is available except obedience, hoping to survive.

The thing to remember though is that the thug is only playing a role, hoping to turn an innocent person minding his or her own business into a victim that will do whatever is asked to survive. The thug chooses people he or she thinks will, in effect, play the victim role and not cause any trouble. The thug doesn't want to be hurt in return.

There are two times one can stop a mugging. One is before it even starts, by not playing the role of a possible victim. Regardless of how you feel, you must act as though you are not the best person on the street to be mugged.

Picture in your mind someone who is confident, assured, someone who owns the street, like John Travolta in the opening sequence of Saturday Night Fever. He had that look. And just as he played a role of cock of the walk, you can play a role that could possibly save you.

However, some thugs, especially those on drugs or alcohol, may not be alert enough to pick up the signals that you're not to be messed with. They may still try and attack you. If this happens, once again, don't play the intimidated victim role the mugger wants you to play. Change the script, do the unexpected. It's like the old saying that no one messes with "crazies" because you can't be sure what they might do. The unexpected is always threatening, especially to bullies who, by nature, are cowards.

Early in the film of The Wiz, Diana Ross is followed by a mugger as she walks along a dark street. She becomes frightened and walks faster, so does the mugger. In desperation she turns and comes on like a hooker, demanding he pay for what he originally wanted to take. This confuses him so much he runs away. She changed the script and rewrote her scene, making herself the star.

In addition to this mental attitude, there are, of course, many physical blocks, thrusts and kicks possible to protect yourself if need be. These take demonstration and rehearsal to become effective. But the primary points remain the same: escape if at all possible, run; don't walk close to buildings; and remember, there are things you can do to protect yourself.

The Women of Summer (cont.)

stands or falls together, yet the individual players skills, or lack thereof, are still crucially important. This is what I found to be the 13th Street Pub's motivation; their team spirit. The more experienced members help the inexperienced. No one puts someone down for a mistake. Instead, advice and help is given, turning the potential weak points into strengths. All take criticism well, and use it constructively. They have been very successful in pulling together as a team.

There have been, weather permitting, three practices a week. Scrimmage games against the Easton Children's Home are also played on Thursdays. The teams coach, Mickey Katz, is very pleased with the progress the team is making.

Perhaps the best illustration of the spirit pervading softball is a statement I heard over and over from different team members: "It doesn't matter whether we win; I feel good knowing that we played a good game."

Watching the 13th Street Pub team practice, it's evident that good games are what we are going to see them play. They are a strong team, and they are on the move.

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ask Mr. Mike

Dear Mr. Mike:

I live in the Lehigh Valley and am thinking of moving to Philadelphia because I can't meet anyone here. I like it here but am tired of being alone.

Frustrated

Dear Frustrated:

Stay here. Get involved in different volunteer activities where you can make friends. Becoming a gay ghetto clone will make you really alone because you'll find the same superficially acting people that you may find here, only more of them.

Dear Mr. Mike:

I never told my parents that I was gay. I've taken my lover to visit them but no one ever brought up the subject. It makes me feel stupid to play this game. What should I do?

They don't want to know about it. If they don't care enough about you to take an interest in your life, there's nothing you can do about it. Visit them less.

Do you have a question for Mr. Mike? If so, write him in care of P.O. Box 1003, Bethlehem, PA 18016.

LETTERS

To the Editor:

The May issue of Le-Hi-Ho News contained an article on a possible Lesbian and Gay Community Center in which I was badly misquoted.

The following was printed:

> Women at the task force meeting commented on the fragmented local lesbian community. "There are very few lesbian women who are out and most of them are political, coming out at NOW."

The actual statement:

> "The lesbian community is fragmented. It has never had a focal point such as Le-Hi-Ho, and if a gay woman isn't interested in the bars there is no meeting place. Some of us are NOW members, but most gay women are not political."

In fact, the lesbian community in the Lehigh Valley is larger than one might imagine. But like all people, our interests and life styles are varied. No one organization will ever meet all of those needs. It is hoped that a Community Center can determine some of those interests and develop a facility and programs which will be of interest to many lesbians and gay men.

Carol A. Bloch

Picnic Time

It's picnic time again, or as we used to say in Latin I, picus-nicus. This year the noted event will again be held at the country estate of Ed Robinson near Blue Mountain. Reservations are not necessary. Bring your own meat (no jokes, please) as a grill will be provided. Also bring a dish to share with others (salad, bread, dessert, munchies, etc.). The picnic will be Saturday, July 16 at 1 p.m. The rain date is Sunday, July 17, at 1 p.m.

Directions: From Route 22 take Airport Road north (Rt. 987) to the Old World Inn. Continue through the light to the stop sign at Rt. 248. Turn left, then make a quick right turn towards Kecknersville, make a left turn. Go past a large firehouse to make a right turn at the old hotel, on the road to Point Phillip. Go through Point Phillip, bear right at a sharp turn. Go two-tenths of a mile to a gravel road on the right. Look for a sign saying Ed's Place or Ed's picnic. The road dead ends at Ed's house.

Call Ed at 837-7203 for further information.

NEWSLINE

. . . Planned Parenthood of Northampton County sponsors a clinic for sexually transmitted diseases Wednesdays, 3-5 p.m., at the Easton Hospital Out-Patient Clinic. Call 253-7195.

. . . Joseph Kallinger of Kensington, serving a life sentence for murder, confessed to slaying his gay son, Joseph Jr., and another boy, with the aid of his other son, Michael, age 11.

The murders took place in 1974, at the direction, Kallinger said, of God. He described how he and Michael led 10-year-old Jose Collazo to an abandoned factory, then sexually molested and mutilated him, then killed him.

Joseph Jr. was hated by his brother Michael because he "was a homosexual." Joseph Jr., was also a chronic runaway. Michael and his father tied Joey spread-eagled to a ladder then pushed him under water until he was dead.

Philadelphia police will decide whether to pursue further charges. (PI)

. . . Lavendar Letter, a calendar of events for, by and about lesbians in central Pennsylvania has just published a second issue. Write P.O. Box 1527, Harrisburg, 17105 to be on the mailing list.

. . . A gay Alcoholics Anonymous is forming in Reading. For more information call Andy at 375-4864.

. . . Parents of Gays groups are forming in Reading and Allentown, sponsored by Family Life Services in Topton. For more information, call Terry Leib at 1-800-322-9597.

. . . Mack Truck has added sexual orientation and affectional preference to its equal opportunity statement, which already included race, religion, sex, etc. Sources indicated this addition was required of Mack by New York City in order to get a contract. William McCullough, Vice President for Community Affairs, confirmed this but added that it doesn't change company policy, only formalizes it.

. . . Five Philadelphia police officers were convicted in May of extortion from Center City businesses including two gay after hours clubs. One owner was quoted as saying that such payoffs had been standard in Philadelphia for years. (GN)

. . . A carcinogenic virus has been linked with AIDS, though it is not yet known if the virus is the cause or inhabits the body after being weakened by AIDS.

. . . Muhlenberg Gay Student Union has elected new officers for the coming school year. Paige is President and Kate is Vice-President. Events for next year include a slide show on history of gays and a lecture on parents of gays. MGSU has had a hard time this year due to a change of officers and anti-gay comments in a local newspaper printed for college students. The Muhlenberg college paper, however, continues to be very supportive. MGSU, by the way, is designated as an "overall interest club," which means it is considered to serve the entire campus and not a limited group of people.

. . . A transsexual in Philadelphia has filed suit for visitation rights to her children. The woman had been seeing her son twice a week but now has not been allowed to see him for over a year. She has been divorced from her wife since 1979.

. . . GLOW, a social and support group for lesbians over 40, meets one Sunday a month in Philadelphia. Write P.O. Box 53431, Philadelphia, 19105 for information.

. . . Rape Crisis Council of Lehigh Valley is holding a six week peer support group for women who have been victims of incest. The group starts June 21, 7:30 to 9 p.m. each week, and will deal with guilt, fear, powerlessness, anger and mistrust. For information, call the Rape Crisis Council at 437-6611.

. . . Lt. Joan Newak's sentence (see the April issue of Le-Hi-Ho News) was cut in half by the Air Force, making her eligible for a parole hearing. (GN)

CALENDAR

June 26, Sunday
Gay Pride March, New York City. Bus sponsored by 13th Street Pub. 252-9213. This will be the Le-Hi-Ho meeting for June.

July 10, Sunday
Metropolitan Community Church, #5 Cambridge Place, Catasauqua, 1 p.m.

July 16, Saturday
Le-Hi-Ho Picnic. See Byline for directions, 1 p.m.

July 17, Sunday
Rain date for Le-Hi-Ho Picnic, 1 p.m.

July 24, Sunday
Metropolitan Community Church, #5 Cambridge Place, Catasauqua, 1 p.m.

Continuing:

Tuesdays
Alcoholics Anonymous, Church of the Mediator, Allentown, 8:30 p.m.

Wednesdays
Happy Hour, 10 - 12 p.m., 13th St. Pub, Easton.

Saturdays
Happy Hour, 5 - 7 p.m., 13th St. Pub, Easton.
Stonewall Tea Dance, 4 - 9 p.m., ½ price drinks.
Candida's, 2 for 1 plus clam special, 2 - 5 p.m.

Donald Graves M.S.

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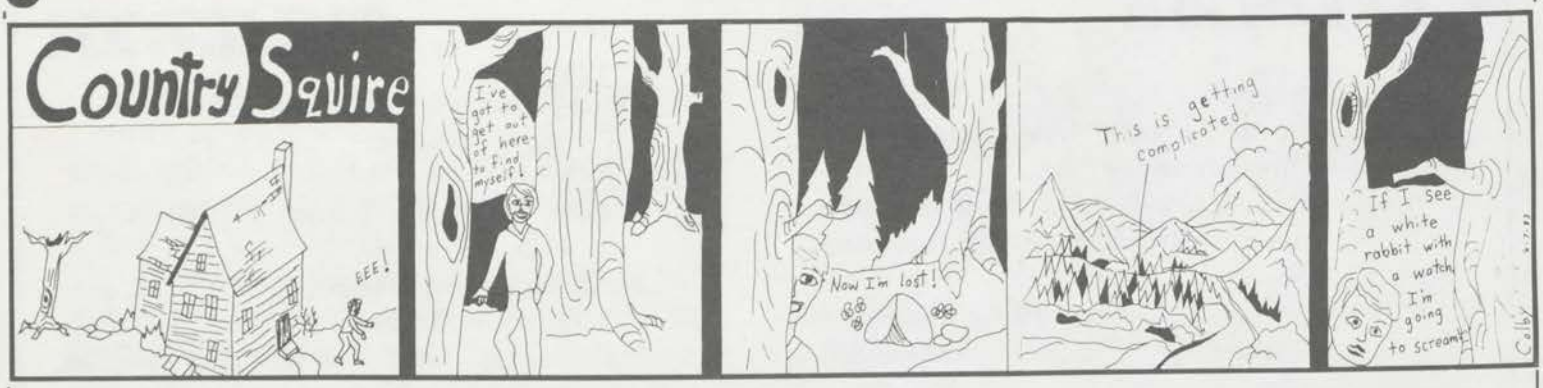

RESOURCES

BARS

Candida's, 247 N. 12th St., Allentown

Rosemary's, 2327 Hanover Ave., Allentown

The Stonewall, 28 N. 10th St., Allentown

The 13th Street Pub, 130 S. 13th St., Easton. With kosher style deli.

BUSINESSES

Alternative Booksellers, 10 N. 4th St., Reading (Feminist and lesbian)

Giovanni's Room, 12th and Pine Sts., Philadelphia (Gay/feminist/lesbian books)

SERVICE AND AID

Michael A. Abgott, M.D., 1545 Broadway, Bethlehem, 865-6112. General practice.

Alcoholics Anonymous, the Rainbow Group for gays only, Tuesdays, 8:30 p.m., at the Church of the Mediator, 16th and Turner Sts., Allentown.

Allentown Health Clinic, 437-7760.

Bethlehem Health Clinic, 865-7087. (sexually transmitted diseases)

Patricia Benedict, M.A., 821-1429. Individual and relationship therapy.

Confront, Inc., 1130 Walnut St., Allentown, 433-0148. Counseling, group therapy and other specialized services.

David Davis, D.O., Limekiln and Pine Run Roads, Doylestown, 438-9711.

Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, 437-0801. Out-patient counseling for alcohol and drug problems, primarily for Lehigh County residents.

Family Counseling Service, c/o Jack Diamond, 520 E. Broad St., Bethlehem, 867-3946. Individual, couple and family counseling.

Donald Graves, M.S., 867-7286. Counseling for the gay community; individual, family and groups.

Nick Guzzi, 437-1750. Bisexual and gay counseling for men and women; gender reidentification for pre and post operative transsexuals.

Keenan House, 114 N. 9th St., Allentown, 439-7489. Residential drug and alcohol services.

Lehigh County Drug and Alcohol Intake Unit, 432-2228.

Jacqueline Marish, B.A./Constance Woodring, M.S.W., 865-1006 or 346-8380. Feminist counseling specializing in domestic abuse. Offices in Northampton and Bucks Counties.

Rape Crisis Council, 437-6611. For youth, men and women.

Mollie Rubenstein, M.S.W., 867-6542. Short and long term counseling.

Turning Point, Inc., 437-0222. Counseling, emergency shelter and advocacy for men and women victims of domestic violence.

Valley Wide Help, 435-7111. Referral line.

Valley Youth House, 539 8th Ave., Bethlehem, 691-1200. Food, shelter andcounseling for youth in need of emergency services.

CENTERS

Women, Inc., 519 Linden St., Allentown, 776-1300. A multi-service center including drop-in services, counseling, social activities and support.

ORGANIZATIONS

Le-Hi-Ho, P.O. Box 1003, Bethlehem 18016. Gay and lesbian group with social activities, monthly meetings and newsletter.

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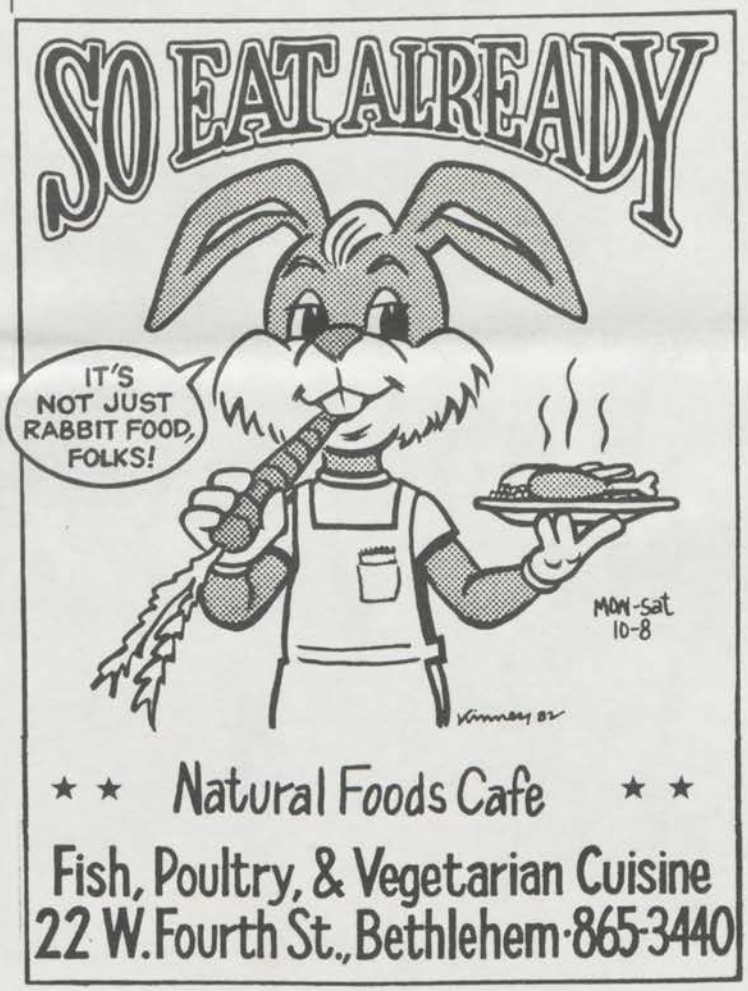

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